

In the Abstract of the Disclosure

Line 2, change "The present invention includes methods" to
--Methods--; line 3, after "formed", insert --are disclosed--.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 25-28 as follows:

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25. (amended) A method of manufacturing a reclosable bag having top and bottom ends and opposing front and rear walls comprising the steps of: forming said walls from web material having thereon [a flexible interlocking fastener lip] an extended flange permanently connected to a transversely oriented fastener assembly, said fastener assembly comprising an engaging portion releasably connected to a [complimentary] complementary engaging portion, said [complimentary] complementary engaging portion sealed to said front wall only as a result of a sealing operation upstream from a forming and filling nozzle cylinder of a form, fill and seal machine; and, [simultaneously] sealing an end of said front wall to said [flexible interlocking fastener lip , and] extended flange while simultaneously sealing said [flexible interlocking fastener lip] extended flange to said back wall, whereby a fail-safe reclosable bag barrier is formed

reducing the risk of contamination or release of contents within or from an interior storage volume of said bag by inadvertent separation of one portion of said front wall from another portion of said front wall.

Claim 26, line 2, please change "complimentary" to -- complementary--.

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27. (amended) The method of Claim 25 further comprising the step of securing predetermined sections of said fastener assembly having said [flexible interlocking fastener lip] extended flange to a continuous elongate sheet of said web material which forms said front and rear walls at bag length intervals along said continuous elongate sheet.

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28. (amended) The method of Claim ~~25~~¹ in which at least one of said [step] steps of sealing includes heat sealing.

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of February 16, 2000.

With regard to the specification, it appears that Attachment B of the Preliminary Amendment dated August 13, 1998 is in error. A specification intended to be consistent with